



**Bloomington Commission on Sustainability
Meeting Notes
Commission Meeting, June 12, 2018**

Meeting initiated: 6:03PM

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Nejla Routsong, Chris Reinhart, Erin Hatch, Teddie Mower, Gwen White, Cynthia Bretheim, Sheryl Woodhouse Keese, Sneha Dave

Staff Present: Alex Crowley, Director Economic & Sustainable Development

Regrets: Jana McGee, Pam Weaver, Andrew Predmore, Dave Rollo, Peter Iverson
On leave: Olivia Ranseen

Meeting Quorum

Quorum confirmed by Gwen White.

Approval of minutes:

Approval of March: Teddie, second Chris. Unanimous

Approval of April: Teddie, second Cynthia. Unanimous

May minutes are not available at this meeting for this meeting. Sheryl will talk to Pam to find the minutes from May.

Announcements

Nejla's project has been selected by Living Future as a pilot project. Will give it international exposure. Living Future will come to Bloomington to run a charrette with stakeholders. Nejla and Chris setting up a Bloomington Living Future Institute collaborate, first meeting will be June 28 at Upland – time TBD.

Sneha: 9th District has set up a disability caucus. Looking for volunteers. Trying to educate people with disabilities in the 9th District about voting options.

Chris: Annotated draft of UDO released several weeks ago, available now. Have posted dates for module releases. Members signed up for the UDO update list but didn't get notified. Alex will connect with P&T to let them know.

Alex gave updates on Bike Share launch on June 20th. Also mentioned that Solarize III is underway. And that the SAP is continuing on schedule.

Work session will be the time for candidates can present their ideas as applicants for officers. Gwen recommended that individuals look at bylaws. Recommending that the officers be chosen by paper ballot. Will include 2 chairs, vice chair, secretary, treasurer. Alex to check on the paper ballot issue to make sure that voting approach is appropriate.

Upcoming meetings of BCOS are on the website.

Strategic Plan Goals

Sustainability indicators – Gwen spoke to the person in charge of the data portal for the ISO indicators. Gwen will have a call with the ISO 3700 team. Data can be used for pitching cities – e.g., Amazon HQ. ISO also have services to sell to help collect data. In the meantime, will continue to collect data as part of Bloomington effort. Gwen provided update on Resilient Cities Conference – very successful.

Sustainability Awards – file on Google Drive to nominate the next award winners. Teddie mentioned an interest in opening up nominations to people on the outside. Teddie proposed a committee to help expand the citizen involvement in the process. Teddie will send out an email asking for participation on the committee.

Business Certificate – Certifications for small businesses. Sneha looked at other cities. Found the STAR community rating system, could adapt that to fit the small businesses. Wanted to expand beyond the environmental side of things into the economic and equity sides of sustainability. Might look at the Chamber's "Green Business" program to see if it's still active or can we coordinate with it. Alex to find out who at the Chamber Sneha should talk to about their program. Sheryl mentioned Green America – consumer facing – and Green Business Network, which is a certification program for businesses.

Food Policy – Sheryl asked what best to do about this strategic plan item, pending the SAP. Alex encouraged the group to continue to be involved in the SAP process and also in the UDO process. But in the meantime, to look to the SAP as the document that would help guide future food policy activities. Climate Action -- Teddie updated the group about the presentations to Council. Teddie explained that the SAP and UDO would be good vehicles for the students' input. Kids will look at past Climate documents also. Students will also have to think about budget implications of certain resolutions, trying to estimate the costs. Autumn to work with Teddie to help usher this forward. Gwen asked the group to think about how we might leverage high school student's energy/enthusiasm to further sustainability goals.

Collaboration – Nejla has put a spreadsheet together for contacts for collaboration. Nejla is planning to get going with the process this summer. Nejla will work on a draft of the intro message.

New Business

UDO Assessment – make it as an item for the work session. Chris recommended break-out groups at the work session to address multiple issues.

Gwen posted on the Resilient Cities 2018 Conference on her blog (sustainabilitywithinreach.com).

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.